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THE BEHRING SEA DISPUTE.

Argument of the Suit Begun in the United States Supreme Court.

SOME SUBJECTS FOR THE NEXT HOUSE.

Question of a Change in the Rules Liable to Cause a Struggle—The National Republican Convention.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.—The case of the schooner *Sayward* against the United States, involving the settlement of important points connected with the Behring Sea controversy, was called for argument before the United States Supreme Court this afternoon. All the justices of the court were present, and many distinguished persons, including ex-Senator Edmunds and Attorney-General Miller, were also in the courtroom.

Calderon Carlisle, of Washington, opened the case for the British Government. He contended that the Supreme Court had a right to go into the merits of the case, and to give an opinion on the extent of the jurisdiction of the court in the case.

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One of the subjects likely to cause a struggle in the House of Representatives after the election of a speaker and the appointment of the various committees is that of a change of the rules. The Democratic members will, doubtless, be unanimously in favor of changing the rule regarding the counting of a quorum by a speaker. The rule of procedure to the distribution of the several appropriation bills among the various committees instead of consolidating all the bills in the Committee on Appropriations may also be changed, but the Democratic members are divided on that point as well as on the rule providing that one hundred members shall constitute a quorum in committees of the whole. It is the impression that the consideration of appropriation bills by different committees has had a tendency to largely increase the appropriations while the Committee on Appropriations has controlled the amount of the appropriations, prizing here and there, reductions and economies may, and altogether likely will, be made in each. Leading Democrats contend that this is the only way in which a billion-dollar record can be prevented.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

A San Francisco paragraph states that the people of that city are making every effort to secure the holding of the National Republican convention in that city next year, and Mr. M. H. De Young, California's member of the National Republican committee, believes the convention can be secured if San Francisco would pay the expenses of delegates to the convention.

In connection with this a quip from Titusville, Fla., quotes Senator Quay as saying that San Francisco is too far off. He added: "It's a long, weary ride to California, and the people won't take kindly to it." But California will entertain the visitors as they have never been entertained before. She will, in fact, pay all the expenses going and returning, if needs be, and a national convention there would have this one advantage—a big one, in my estimation—it would be free from outside influences entirely. The leaders and the henchmen and local powers in politics' couldn't be there. It would be too far to go and too expensive, and the convention could easily express its own sentiments.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The announcement of Attorney-General-elect Poe of Maryland, to the effect that the Maryland Democracy would soon have a newspaper organ of its own, it is said to have been thrown out in the nature of a feather, and the name of one of a committee between ex-President Cleveland and Senator Gorman in which both gentlemen concurred in the propriety of the movement. Senator-elect Bruce is mentioned as one of the stockholders, and this is taken as an evidence of his approval of the scheme.

The Court of Claims to-day rendered a decision dismissing the suits of the States of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois against the United States to recover the 2 per cent. fund retained from the proceeds of the sale of the Cumberland Gap railroad aggregating \$1,500,000. The court held that the fund in question is not a trust fund and that it is barred by the statute of limitation. An appeal will be taken.

A SLAVE AFTER THE WAR.

An Old Colored Woman Suing Her Master for Holding Her Illegally.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 9.—The court of appeals to-day rendered a decision in the case of Edna Hickam, an old colored woman, against the estate of the late Joseph Hickam, of Monteith county Mo. Edna was a slave on the farm of Hickam at the close of the war, but was never told that she had been freed, and for twenty-four years she worked on the farm, believing herself to be still the property of Hickam, after Hickam's death, in 1889, the woman received the first inkling that she was a slave, and then sought legal restoration of her former master for \$1,400 for services for twenty-four years and five days. Edna was awarded one half this amount, but upon appeal to the circuit court, the decision was reversed. Edna brought the case to the court of appeals, and to-day the court handed down a decision reversing the lower court's decision and remanding the case for trial.

DETERMINED MINERS.

They Threaten to Kill the Convicts If Sent Back to the Mines.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 9.—The situation of affairs in Tennessee is becoming alarming. Fugitives communication is being held between the East Tennessee miners and the miners of Kentucky, Alabama and Virginia. The hardy mountaineers who released the convicts have sworn that the Governor shall rebuild the stockades, and that if these send the convicts back to the mines they will be butchered in cold blood.

It is stated officially that the rebellion of the miners, so far as estimated, has damaged the commercial standing of East Tennessee billions of dollars. Two town companies, one with \$50,000,000 capital, located at Bristol, and another with \$100,000,000 capital, located at Elizabethtown, have refused to enter the State, claiming that the State, not being able to protect its own interest, cannot protect the interest of capital.

BOOTH SOMMERFIELDS DEAD.

Berlin Bankers Who Killed Themselves to Escape Disgrace.

(By Cable to The Times.)

BERLIN, Nov. 9.—The Sommerfelds, father and son, both members of the firm of Friedlander & Sommerfeld, the bankers of this city, who failed Saturday last, and who, after the close of the day's business, opened fire in their arms and then shot themselves in their attempts to escape the consequences of their financial embarrassment. As previously announced, both father and son were conveyed to the hospital, where Felix, the son, died shortly after his admission. To-day Sigfried, the father, also died.

"GOD SAVE IRELAND."

The Irish National League of America Deplores Her Political Flight.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 9.—Secretary Sutton, of the Irish National League of America, furnished the United Press with the following address:

HEADQUARTERS IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICA,
OMAHA, NEB., November 9, '91.

To the Friends of Ireland in America:

"They never won a friend's fatal history a gloomier period than the present. Our friends are no longer drawn up in serried ranks to encounter a common foe, but split into rival factions and inflamed with bitter hate. They are arrayed against each other for purposes that can only end in mutual destruction. Those to whom we ought naturally to look for counsel tending to peace and unity, and foremost in prolonging this fratricidal history, are the one-time leaders of the nation, blind to the true instincts of patriotism, have no higher ambition than to make us traitors and drivets from public life. The men who are brothers in arms are now brothers as brothers but a few short months ago. It is truly a shameful and sorrowful spectacle. We Irish of America are without kindred in Ireland co-heirs to the same legacy of duty to restore to our motherland our birthright of independence and if they fail in that duty let us at least be faithful to the cause of Irish liberty. We have faith in the sturdy nationality of the Irish people, and when we speak of the people do so in the American sense and perfectly understand the meaning of the word franchise. We believe in the manhood of Ireland, and to it we appeal to force these parliamentarians to stop their quarrels or make way for other Irishmen to whom the interests of their country are of greater moment than personal ambition or personal animosities.

In spite of our great disappointment we of the Irish race in America should not abandon a struggle hallowed by the blood and tears of generations, ennobled by the sacrifice of men haled as exemplars in the cause of human freedom and justified by the verdict of all mankind, and have maintained.

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